



Franklin County Courthouse Construction Update

May 4th, 2019 – Franklin County Board Meeting

Shawnee Professional Services (pictured) began surveying the courthouse property this week, which is the first on-site step in this process. I got excited when the surveyors showed up so I can't imagine how I will react when construction actually starts.

There has also been a change regarding the location of the circuit clerk's office and the court system. Instead of being located in the building east of the courthouse, those offices will now be moved temporarily to the basement area of the Campbell Building. It's 10,000 square feet and dry as a bone. I think it is clearly the best and most cost-effective direction to go. The county clerk and treasurer will still be permanently located on the ground floor of the Campbell Building.

Also, county board chairman Randall Crocker hand-delivered the required documents to Illinois Department of Revenue, Local Tax Allocation Division in Springfield, on April 24 to begin the process of implementing the 1 percent sales tax.

Documents included:

- Certified copy of Ordinance 2019-02...Ordinance increasing Franklin County's Portion of the Local Sales Tax by 1% for a Period not to Exceed 15 Years for Specific Public Facilities Purposes Pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/5-1006.5
- Certified Copy of Abstract of Votes...which contained the exact question that was placed on the April 2, 2019 ballot.
- Certified Certificate of Election

May 1, 2019 was the deadline for these documents to be filed. This should put July 1, 2019 as the first day that our retail sales tax will be affected. The County will be notified when the IDOR legal division has approved our rate increase.

The board will also begin meeting twice monthly in May in order to keep up with the many facets of the demolition and construction. The next meeting will be May 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the Campbell Building.